At its 1736th meeting, on 13 August 1973, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Lebanon, Israel, Egypt and Iraq to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East: Letter dated 11 August 1973 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/10983)".24

At its 1737th meeting, on 14 August 1973, the Council decided to invite the representative of Democratic Yemen to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

Resolution 337 (1973) of 15 August 1973

The Security Council,

Having considered the agenda contained in document S/Agenda/1736,

Having noted the contents of the letter from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/10983),

Having heard the statement of the representative of Lebanon concerning the violation of Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity and the hijacking, by the Israeli air force, of a Lebanese civilian airliner on lease to Iraqi Airways,²⁵

Gravely concerned that such an act carried out by Israel, a Member of the United Nations, constitutes a serious interference with international civil aviation and a violation of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing that such an act could jeopardize the lives and safety of passengers and crew and violates the provisions of international conventions safeguarding civil aviation,

Recalling its resolutions 262 (1968) of 31 December 1968 and 286 (1970) of 9 September 1970,

- 1. Condemns the Government of Israel for violating Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity and for the forcible diversion and seizure by the Israeli air force of a Lebanese airliner from Lebanon's air space;
- 2. Considers that these actions by Israel constitute a violation of the Lebanese-Israeli Armistice Agreement of 1949, the cease-fire resolutions of the Security Council of 1967, the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, the international conventions on civil aviation and the principles of international law and morality;
- 3. Calls on the International Civil Aviation Organization to take due account of this resolution when considering adequate measures to safeguard international civil aviation against these actions;

4. Calls on Israel to desist from any and all acts that violate Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity and endanger the safety of international civil aviation and solemnly warns Israel that, if such acts are repeated, the Council will consider taking adequate steps or measures to enforce its resolutions.

Adopted unanimously at the 1740th meeting

Decisions

At its 1743rd meeting, on 8 October 1973, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Egypt, Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East: Letter dated 7 October 1973 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/11010)".26

At its 1745th meeting, on 11 October 1973, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Nigeria and Saudi Arabia to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item.

Resolution 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973

The Security Council

- 1. Calls upon all parties to the present fighting to cease all firing and terminate all military activity immediately, no later than 12 hours after the moment of the adoption of this decision, in the positions they now occupy;
- 2. Calls upon the parties concerned to start immediately after the cease-fire the implementation of Security Council resolution 242 (1967) in all of its parts;
- 3. Decides that, immediately and concurrently with the cease-fire, negotiations shall start between the parties concerned under appropriate auspices aimed at establishing a just and durable peace in the Middle East.

Adopted at the 1747th meeting by 14 votes to none²⁷

 ²⁴ Ibid., Supplement for July, August and September 1973.
25 Ibid., Twenty-eighth Year, 1736th meeting.

²⁶ Ibid., Twenty-eighth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1973.

²⁷ One member (China) did not participate in the voting.